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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

APPLICATION OF

OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
d/b/a COOPERATIVE ENERGY

CASE NO. PUE000345

For a license to conduct
business as a competitive
service provider in electric
retail access pilot programs

ORDER GRANTING ORAL ARGUMENT

By filings made June 19, 2000, and July 10, 2000, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative d/b/a Cooperative Energy ("ODEC" or "the Cooperative") applied for a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider, seeking to provide electricity to all classes of customers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in conjunction with any retail access pilot program approved by the Commission. By Motion filed August 14, 2000, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("Staff") requested that the Commission rule whether ODEC may obtain a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider or whether it must participate in retail access pilot programs through an affiliate or subsidiary.

On August 18, 2000, ODEC filed with the Commission a Response to Staff's Motion of August 14, 2000; a Response to

Staff Memorandum of August 14, 2000; and a Motion for Expedited Schedule and Oral Argument ("Motion for Oral Argument"). ODEC asserts that, to assure the maximum benefit from participation in the pilot programs, it must be able to enroll customers by September 1, 2000, if possible, since that is the date upon which energy flow from CSPs may begin in Virginia Electric and Power Company's pilot program.

On September 1, 2000, Staff filed a reply to ODEC's response in which Staff maintained, and expanded upon, its arguments set forth in its Motion of August 14, 2000.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION we recognize ODEC's interest in obtaining a license at the earliest possible time. Therefore, we will allow ODEC an early opportunity to present oral argument.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) A hearing hereby is set for September 7, 2000, at 10:45 a.m. in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. At that time, the Commission will hear oral argument from ODEC and the Commission Staff concerning ODEC's ability to participate in the electric retail access pilot programs with or without forming an affiliate or subsidiary.

(2) This matter is continued generally.